

[121]

saved, an - y may, So

saved, an y may, So

saved
HMM.. an y may, So

[125]

let us work to make our way.

let us work to make our way.

let us work to make our way
HMM..

[129]

If we be saved, Let us

If we be saved Let us

HMM... If we be saved, Let us

133

stay u pon the path from day to day.

stay u pon the path from day to day.

stay u pon the path from day to day.

HMM...

137

day to day. to day. day to day.

day to day. to day. day to day.

HMM...

141

♩ = 78-84

I have a great mind of a "Pin ky"

Monte again tries to recall the reason "Pinky" seems familiar.

145

oncet. Pinky, however, tries not to give her any clues--instead trying not to give herself away by staying her mind on Jesus.

Yes, a great mind of a "Pin ky"

My mind is stayed on Je sus.

"My mind is stayed

149

oncet.

on Je sus," We sang that song in Wan do.

p

153

Most of that Wan do church was Cookes you know.

So you

157 ♩ = 80

stayed in Vir gin ia?

On ly left it once.

161

One of my sis ters need ed me in Tex as

165

169

I watch es her ba bies and wa shes laun dry

173

for white folks on the days that I was free. A

177

long the cul vert to the un der pass I walked un der the tracks, then two miles more. I

181

had a room a bove my sis ter's store. It was n't much, you'd say, but God's my wit ness,

185

When I shut the door, peace flood ed in.

flood ed in

Peace

189

Then came the time she said we had to go

ritardando

a tempo

193

back home, From Tex as ways and heat, you know And af ter that, it was the live-in

Monte nods.

197

work, the week ends spent on Ma ma and my nie ces, my ne phews, and their child ren.

201

I found that peace is not in an y room or an y place you'd

205

mark on maps or tra vel to. It's what you do to find what suits you.

209

Some say it's a call, but I heard no thin', no thin' Walk ing my

213

way was all. All comes from thee. All comes from All things come from thee, O Lord. All things come from

217

thee. Last week, my ne phew's wife brought me here. Don't you know it!

221

Fan cine - She - sold the house in Cooke town. She had no thing more for me to do. Well, I

225

ne ver! Too much trou ble for them. Oh, I knew! Too

229

man y falls and mis haps to fear We can't go un man aged! It's bet ter here,

233

fold ed a way. No more to do for: wash in's done, ba bies

237

It's bet ter here: this chair, this sin gle bed.

fed. It's bet ter here: this chair, this sin gle bed

241

Too much trou ble. So

Too much trou ble for them. Oh, I knew! Too

All things come from thee, O Lord All things come from thee, O Lord

All All things come of thee. And we give thine

245

much to fear! We can't go un man aged! It's bet ter here,

man y falls and mis haps to fear It's bet ter here,

And of thine own we give to thee. And of thine own we give to thee

own. All things come from thee. And we give thine

249

fold ed a way. No thing more.

fold ed a way. No more to do for: wash in's done, ba bies

Bles sed be your name, O Lord Bles sed be your name, O Lord

own. Of thine own we give all things back to

253

It's bet ter here this chair this sin gle bed.

fed. It's bet ter here: this chair, this sin gle bed.

All things come from thee, O Lord Bles sed be your name, O Lord

thee. All that is gi ven is soon ta ken.

257

Well, I de clare, we two are quite a

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261

sigh! We make a pair, Aunt Pin ky & Aunt Monte! Rai sing our sis ter's ba bies.

265

And when they go, we go THEY LAUGH

269

We stay and e ven raise their ba bies.

And where they fin' ly light

molto ritardando

[273] $\text{♩} = 75-80$

Who sees when you're a girl in crin o lines the

THEY LAUGH

[277]

pass you'll come to af ter man y sins?

I had a pet ti coat when I be nine Ma

[281]

ma saved me from Mis sus' cast a ways: Flour sackwith leg holes hemmed up side ways under them.

My

[285]

Ma ma would make mine from feed bags And save the mus lin scraps for quilts like this one.

MONTE POINTS TO THE QUILT.

289

Pinky takes a long look at the quilt and decides to reveal herself.

ritardando

Mind I saw it in your guest room

mp ritardando

293

Monte's eyes widen as she remembers Pinky and understands who Pinky is.

the bed with feet that claw

Sis ter on ly nod ded when I told her

297

when I told her 'bout that bed & shi ny ta ble. with its claws on balls.

The Queen Anne ta ble!

a tempo

301

That thing be longed to Gra dy's mo ther. She had it spe cial shipped from Ten nes see You are

304

right smart I see, to hold your peace. You are the Pin ky

308

ironed a per fect crease! A per fect crease

Tues

312

I ne ver honed to see you more. He's laid off to bring us

days! God's plan. He'll make it clear.

316

here and ta ken His good time! He'll make it clear and plain.

From His great store, He'll make it clear and plain.

$\text{♩} = 56$

rlr

320

So much that we were

324

now seems so dark. O God, make it

O God, make it

328

plain. plain. The dark and fear ful clouds we so much

332

are bles sings rain ing mer cies on our head.

dread are bles sings rain ing mer cies on our head.

336

O God, make it plain. *ritardando* Gi ven

O God, make it plain. Gi ven time, the wa ters sof ten grud ges.

340

time the ri vers bu ry spite time, the hard est moun tains crum ble O God, make it

Given time, the hard est moun tains crum ble. O God, make it

a tempo

a tempo

344

plain!

plain!

If it be dark, your Gra dy

348

All he did was try to ease the way

drove me home.

352

while I com plained. be cause we had to stay

Yes, he was a

356

good man. He was a good man. Not like some.

360

Not like some. I re call one of my la dies mixed her

364

sheets with her swee tie's robe and poin ted hat. I left

368

and did n't go back af ter that. O God,

372

Note that this section is repeated twice because there are 3 verses.

make it plain. 1. So much that we dark were now: seems so dark, God,
 3. So much so dark
 2. So much so dark now: O God, God,
 3. So much so dark now: O God, God,

376

seems make so it dark. plain. The James green Ca ney Fork and dry
 make make it plain. plain. The ri vers are be hind us

380

bed Tri ni ty. The soft hills are be
 The soft hills are be

384

yond us. The dark sea fills with our streams, all our streams: All our

yond us. And pas sing dreams and names. All our

388

streams. We too will drain down to wa ters

streams. We too will drain down to wa ters

392

deep Be neath the fields and plains Pinky picks up the pack of cards.

deep Re shuf fle us: both

396

We will drain to wa ters deep 'Neath the fields and

light and dark. We too will drain down to wa ters deep Be neath the fields and

400

plains, and sleep a while and wait for break ing day, break

plains, sleep a while and wait for break ing day, break

404

ing day and wait for sum

ing day. and wait for sum

Pinky slowly sits down on the other side of the table and puts the pack of cards between them. Meanwhile, the chorus stands behind them and the soloists take their positions.

408

mer's smile.

mer's smile.

♩ = 65-72

412

This is to be repeated many times, establishing an expectant mood as the chorus assembles for the finale and the card game goes on.

Monte & Pinky, Scene 9 Finale: Strike the Rock

Richard L. Rose

♩ = 100 SOLOISTS ARE FROM THE CHORUS. Monte & Pinky sing with the chorus but continue to play canasta.
Note the measure where Pinky freezes the deck to her satisfaction & Monte's disgust.

Soprano

Alto

Tenor/Bass

Piano

Just before this measure,
Monte says, "You deal!"

SOLOIST: MO-SES WALKED WITH THE PEO-PLE IN THE WIL- DER- NESS

4

CHORUS:

PEO- PLE CRIED AND - THIS IS WHAT THEY SAID: "WHAT YOU MEAN DRIV- ING

All men sing together unless
marked otherwise.

US THROUGH THIS DRY WIL-DER-NESS?" MO-SSES PRAYED AND - - THEN - GOD SAID:

"STRIKE THE ROCK!" FIND THE WA - TER IN THE WIL - DER - NESS -
 "STRIKE THE ROCK!" FIND THE WA - TER IN THE WIL - DER - NESS -

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12

- HE - STRUCK THE ROCK AND THEN THE - WA - TER - FLOWED

- HE - STRUCK THE ROCK AND THEN THE - WA - TER - FLOWED

14

- STRIKE THE ROCK AND THE WA - TER FLOWS IN WIL - DER - NESS ES STRIKE THE ROCK!

- STRIKE THE ROCK AND THE WA - TER FLOWS IN WIL - DER - NESS ES STRIKE THE ROCK!

"I freeze the deck!" Pinky says gleefully. Monte is disgusted.

SOLOIST: AT THE WELL, A -

- WO - MAN OF SA - MA - RI - A -

- MET THE LORD AND -

CHORUS:

IF YOU TAKE THE - FLOW - ING

THIS IS WHAT HE SAID

HE SAID

IF YOU TAKE THE -

WA - TER THAT I'M GIV - ING YOU -

FLOW - ING LIKE A STREAM FROM YOUR

- WA - TER THAT I'M GIV - ING YOU -

- LIKE A STREAM FROM YOUR

HEART IT WILL SPREAD STRIKE THE ROCK WHEN YOU

HEART - IT WILL SPREAD STRIKE THE ROCK

STRIKE THE ROCK WHEN YOU

WAN- DER IN THE WIL- DER- NESS - FIND THE PLACE WHERE THE - WA- TER FLOWS IN WIL- DER- NESS -

FIND THE WA- TER IN THE WIL- DER NESS - FIND THE PLACE THE WA- TER FLOWS IN WIL- DER- NESS -

WAN- DER IN THE WIL- DER- NESS - STRIKE THE ROCK!

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31

Two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "FIND THE LORD WHO IS WA-TER IN THE WIL- DER NESS - STRIKE THE ROCK!". The piano accompaniment consists of a right hand with chords and a left hand with a simple bass line.

34

Two vocal staves and a piano accompaniment. The vocal staves are empty, indicating a rest for the vocalists. The piano accompaniment continues with chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

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37

rit. STRIKE THE ROCK!

STRIKE THE ROCK!

rit.

After the Finale, the chorus, led by Monte & Pinky, carrying their canes, and T.C. Walker and Grady, hum a capella once through measures 10-16 of Strike the Rock as they prepare to recess. Take the repeat; then at measure 14 of the repeat, the Piano/Orch begins the Recessional as the choir begins to recess while still humming the remaining measures.

Monte & Pinky, Recessional

How Firm A Foundation Var. *Foundation* (The Sacred Harp, 1844)
Canon and Quod libet Aberystwyth and New Britain

For Four Hands
♩ = 100

Richard Rose (Arr.)

Piano I

Piano II *mf*

5

9

simile

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13

Measures 13-16 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand (RH) has a melodic line starting in measure 14. The left hand (LH) has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measure 15 has a forte (f) dynamic marking.

R.H.

17

L.H.

Measures 17-20 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand (RH) has a melodic line with accents. The left hand (LH) has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measure 19 has a forte (f) dynamic marking.

21

a c g a c d e d d c

Measures 21-24 of the piano accompaniment. The right hand (RH) has a melodic line with notes corresponding to the letters 'a c g a c d e d d c' written below it. The left hand (LH) has a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Measure 23 has a forte (f) dynamic marking.

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25

Handwritten musical score for measures 25-28. The system consists of two grand staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with a slur over measures 26-28. The lower staff has a bass clef and contains a bass line. A handwritten 'LH' is placed above the bass line in measure 27.

29

Handwritten musical score for measures 29-32. The system consists of two grand staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with a slur over measures 30-32. The lower staff has a bass clef and contains a bass line.

33

Handwritten musical score for measures 33-36. The system consists of two grand staves. The upper staff has a treble clef and contains a melodic line with a slur over measures 34-36. The lower staff has a bass clef and contains a bass line. A handwritten 'RH' is placed above the bass line in measure 36.

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37

mf *marcato sempre*

Measures 37-40. The top system features a treble clef with a melody of quarter notes and a bass clef with whole rests. The bottom system features a bass clef with a melody of eighth notes and a bass clef with a harmonic accompaniment of chords.

41

Measures 41-44. The top system features a treble clef with a melody of quarter notes and a bass clef with whole rests. The bottom system features a bass clef with a melody of eighth notes and a bass clef with a harmonic accompaniment of chords.

45

Measures 45-48. The top system features a treble clef with a melody of quarter notes and a bass clef with whole rests. The bottom system features a bass clef with a melody of eighth notes and a bass clef with a harmonic accompaniment of chords.

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49

This system contains measures 49 through 52. The top staff (treble clef) features a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The bottom staff (bass clef) features a melody of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, F0, E0. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of four measures.

53

This system contains measures 53 through 56. The top staff (treble clef) features a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5, A5, B5, C6, D6, E6, F6, G6, A6, B6, C7. The bottom staff (bass clef) features a melody of quarter notes: G2, F2, E2, D2, C2, B1, A1, G1, F1, E1, D1, C1, B0, A0, G0, F0, E0. The music is in 4/4 time and consists of four measures. The word *ritardando* is written below the bottom staff in the third measure.

Sources:

This fictional story is based on members of the composer's family, a historical figure, and the composer's other writings. Grady and Monte Towles were his aunt and uncle. Thomas Calhoun Walker (1862-1953) was a Virginia educator and civil rights leader from Gloucester who tells his story in *The Honey Pod Tree*. The words attributed to him in this opera are rendered from his own words in this book. The research on T.C. Walker led to another book, *Coming Around*, which is a companion piece to the opera. *Pinky* was both an employee of Monte Towles and a character from the story "Three May Keep A Secret" in the first volume of *Frameshifts*, by the composer. Monte's words about life "giving the test first" come from baseball player Vernon Law. The story of the plant kept from slave times is the true story of Rhonda Simms-Morris. Her plant is still alive. In *Scene 8*, some of the words of the chorus are from the following quotation from the baptismal certificate of Milly Ernst of Rockingham County: "(Baptism), as a mirror, reveals to us the work of grace, where fresh water flows the body becomes pure and bright." This comes from a sampler of Peter Bernhard (1803) exhibited in the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The scriptural phrase, "All things come from thee, O Lord," was taken from the usual Introit of the Warrenton Presbyterian Church choir under the direction of Barbara Stinson. In another version, it was Rose's first composition for that church.

Musical allusions include Cowper's hymn "God Moves in a Mysterious Way," "I want to leave old Texas now," Julius Fucik's circus march, "The Entrance of the Gladiators," Evelyn Simpson Curenton's hymn, "With My Mind," "Foundation" (1844), "Aberystwyth," "New Britain," and numerous other brief quotations within the score.

Information:

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